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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 19 have been further amended to more fully distinguish the claimed subject matter from the prior art. Applicant's attorney thanks the Examiner for the telephone interview in which the Examiner expressed her concerns about the scope of claims 1 and 19. It is believed that these amendments address those concerns.

Claim 1 has been amended to clearly indicate that the claimed method is for imaging a subject containing a previously implanted device. Also to further distinguish claim 1 from prior art methods which employ two pulse sequences using two different velocity or motion encoding gradients to produce phase difference images, the first and second pulse sequences of claim 1 are said to be "suitable for imaging stationary spins". That is they do not employ velocity, or motion encoding gradients.

And finally, claim 1 has been amended to clearly indicate that the various images produced by the method are "MR" images. It is believed this is self-evident from the context, but further clarity is always a good thing.

Claim 19 has been amended to more clearly set forth the objective stated in paragraph [0007] of the specification under the heading "Summary Of The Invention". This is accomplished by the additional language in the pre-amble, but more importantly by the language added to steps d) and e) which sets forth the nature of the phase difference image and the magnitude image. And finally, the images produced by the method are specifically indicated as MR images for the reasons discussed above for claim 1.

The claims of the application are believed to be in condition for allowance and allowance of the same is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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